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Significant seeding progress was made this past week. Thirty-four per cent of the 2015 crop is now seeded, according to the Saskatchewan Agriculture Crop Report. The five-year (2010-2014) average for this time of year is nine per cent seeded.

Producers in the southwest are most advanced, with 61 per cent of the crop seeded. In the southeast, 45 per cent is seeded; the west-central region has 26 per cent seeded; the east-central region 16 per cent, the northeastern region 13 per cent and northwestern region has 31 per cent seeded.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as 10 per cent surplus, 76 per cent adequate and 14 per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as six per cent surplus, 74 per cent adequate, 16 per cent short and four per cent very short. Moisture conditions vary throughout the province.

In parts of the southwestern and west-central regions, some moisture would be beneficial to get crops off to a good start. Some areas in the southeast and in the east-central region, however, still have surplus moisture. Cool weather has resulted in slow emergence of crops. Some farmers have reported frost damage to emerged crops and alfalfa.

One year ago
Seven per cent of the 2014 crop had been seeded. The southwest region had 20 per cent in the ground.

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Seeding Progress in SK Per cent seeded All Crops	
May 11, 2015	34
May 12, 2014	7
May 13, 2013	8
May 14, 2012	22
May 9, 2011	5
May 13, 2010	5
5 year avg. (2010-2014)	9
10 year avg. (2005-2014)	17

Southeastern Saskatchewan
(Crop District 1 – Carnduff, Estevan, Redvers, Moosomin and Kipling areas; Crop District 2 – Weyburn, Milestone, Moose Jaw, Regina and Qu'Appelle areas; Crop District 3ASE – Radville and Lake Alma areas)

Forty-five per cent of the 2015 crop has been seeded in the region. Rain showers were reported throughout the region, but farmers were still able to make significant progress over last week.

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Crop land topsoil moisture is reported as 13 per cent surplus, 73 per cent adequate and 14 per cent short. Most areas are reporting adequate topsoil moisture, although Crop District 1B is reporting surplus moisture on 33 and 31 per cent cropland and hay and pasture land, respectively. Precipitation varied throughout the week ranging from nil to 22 mm (Indian Head area). This region has reported the most amount of rain since April 1 (53 mm). Some areas have reported less than 10 mm of rain since April 1.

Southeastern Saskatchewan	
Crop District	**% seeded (May 11, 2015)**
1A	26
1B	39
2A	72
2B	42
3ASE	83
Region average	**45**

Cool weather has slowed germination of crops. Frost, with temperatures as low as -5 C, was reported on several nights last week. There have been reports of damage to emerging crops and alfalfa. Farmers are hoping for warmer temperatures. Some areas could use a rain as topsoil moisture islacking. Poor road conditions in some areas are limiting access to fields.

Southwestern Saskatchewan
(Crop District 3ASW – Coronach, Assiniboia and Ogema areas; Crop District 3AN – Gravelbourg, Mossbank, Mortlach and Central Butte areas; Crop District 3B – Kyle, Swift Current , Shaunavon and Ponteix areas; Crop District 4 – Consul, Maple Creek and Leader areas)

The southwestern region has 61 per cent of the 2015 crop seeded. Most areas received spotty rain showers, but nothing significant enough to slow seeding operations.

Southwestern Saskatchewan	
Crop District	**% Seeded (May 11, 2015)**
3ASW	43
3AN	28
3BS	66
3BN	67
4A	76
4B	78
Region average	**61**

Very little rain, ranging from nil to 15 mm (Gull Lake area), was recorded in the region. The Eyebrow area has accumulated the most rainfall since April 1 (83 mm). Areas around Maple Creek, Kyle, Richmound, Cabri and Leader have reported less than 10 mm of rain since April 1. Some areas are hoping for rain to get crops emerged and pastures and hay growth started.

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as two per cent surplus, 66 per cent adequate, 29 per cent short and three per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 62 per cent adequate, 25 per cent short and 13 per cent very short.

Frost was reported over a couple of nights, with temperatures reaching -8 C in some areas. There have been reports of frost damage to some emerging crops and alfalfa. Crop emergence has been slow due to cool weather, so the extent of the frost damage is still being assessed. Pasture growth has also been slow due to cool weather.

East-Central Saskatchewan
(Crop District 5 – Melville, Yorkton, Cupar, Kamsack, Foam Lake, Preeceville and Kelvington areas; Crop District 6A – Lumsden, Craik, Watrous and Clavet areas)

East-central Saskatchewan	
Crop District	**% Seeded (May 11, 2015)**
5A	26
5B	14
6A	9
Region average	**16**

Sixteen per cent of the 2015 crop is in the ground. Although seeding is progressing, spotty rain showers over most of the region resulted in short seeding days. Producers are spending time traveling between fields, testing them out to make sure the soil is capable of holding equipment. Seeding ranges from five to 75 per cent complete. Precipitation ranged from nil to 15 mm (Watrous area). A large amount of water is lying in many fields, making road access an issue.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are reported as 22 per cent surplus, 73 per cent adequate and five per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 16 per cent surplus, 75 per cent adequate and nine per cent short. CD 6A is reporting that 34 per cent of cropland has surplus topsoil moisture.

Temperatures dipped well below freezing for some areas, but fortunately, most seeded crops have yet to emerge. Producers are indicating that there has been some frost damage to alfalfa. There are a couple of reports of farmers finishing up last fall's harvest. Warm weather would be appreciated by all.

West-Central Saskatchewan
(Crop Districts 6B – Hanley, Outlook, Loreburn, Saskatoon and Arelee areas; Crop District 7A – Rosetown, Kindersley, Eston, Major; CD 7B - Kerrobert, Macklin, Wilkie and Biggar areas)

West-central Saskatchewan	
Crop District	**% Seeded (May 11, 2015)**
6B	23
7A	22
7B	35
Region average	**26**

Good seeding progress was made during the week and producers now have 26 per cent of the crop seeded. Seeding progress ranges from five to 60 per cent complete. Most areas reported no rain for the week, although the Dinsmore and Conquest areas reported 10 mm. The Hanley area has recorded the greatest amount of moisture since April 1 (58 mm).

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as three per cent surplus, 82 per cent adequate and 15 per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as three per cent surplus, 83 per cent adequate and 14 per cent short. Crop District 7A is reporting that 36 per cent of cropland and 44 per cent of hay land and pasture are short of topsoil moisture. Although calving weather has been good, pastures and hay fields are growing slowly due to low moisture and cool temperatures. Freezing temperatures were reported, dipping down to -8 C in some areas.

Farmers are busy seeding, working fields, applying fertilizer and weed control products and putting cows to pasture.

Northeastern Saskatchewan
(Crop District 8 – Hudson Bay, Tisdale, Melfort, Carrot River, Humboldt, Kinistino, Cudworth and Aberdeen areas; Crop District 9AE – Prince Albert, Choiceland and Paddockwood areas)

The region has 13 per cent of the 2015 crop seeded, up from just two per cent last week. Farmers are in the fields controlling weeds prior to seeding, fertilizing and scouting out which fields can support farm equipment. Many have just started seeding. Seeding progress ranges from three to 65 per cent complete. Warm and dry weather is needed.

Northeastern Saskatchewan	
Crop District	**% Seeded (May 11, 2015)**
8A	21
8B	7
9AE	10
Region average	**13**

Rain showers were reported for most of the region, resulting in short field-work days. The amount of rainfall ranged from nil to 18 mm (Arborfield area). The Vonda area has reported the most amount of rain since April 1 (58 mm).

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 18 per cent surplus, 80 per cent adequate and two per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as eight per cent surplus, 88 per cent adequate and four per cent short.

Freezing temperatures were reported many nights during the past week, reaching -6 C in some areas. There are reports that some producers are holding back on seeding due to the cool weather, frost risk and low soil temperatures. Cool weather has slowed crop germination and pasture growth. Spraying has been an issue due to strong winds, cold nights and slow weed growth.

Northwestern Saskatchewan
(Crop District 9AW – Shellbrook, North Battleford, Big River and Hafford areas; Crop District 9B – Meadow Lake, Turtleford, Pierceland, Maidstone and Lloydminster areas)

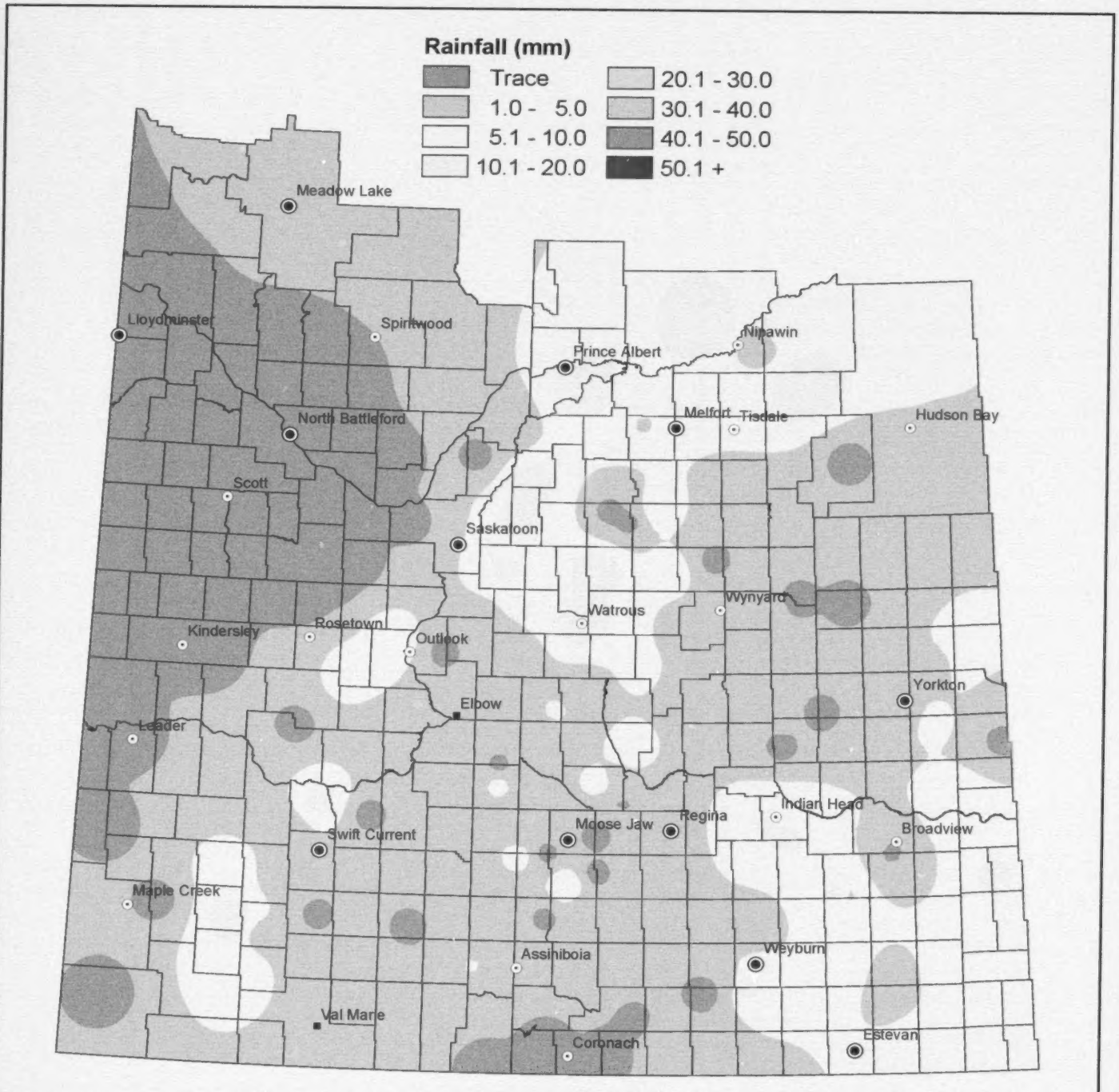
Significant seeding progress was made in the region due to good weather and lack of rain interruptions. Thirty-one per cent of the crop is now in the ground, up from just seven per cent last week. Most areas reported no rain for the week with good topsoil moisture conditions. The amount of rainfall ranged from nil to 5 mm (Meadow Lake area). The Hafford area has recorded the greatest amount of precipitation since April 1 (37 mm).

Northwestern Saskatchewan	
Crop District	**% Seeded (May 11, 2015)**
9AW	25
9B	37
Region average	**31**

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as one per cent surplus, 93 per cent adequate, five per cent short and one per cent very short. Hay land and pasture moisture is rated as 90 per cent adequate and 10 per cent short. Temperatures dipped down to -10 C in some areas of the region, causing damage to alfalfa crops. Cool temperatures have delayed crop emergence. Producers are indicating that moisture is adequate for the most part, but that warm weather is now needed to germinate seed and advance pastures.

Weekly Rainfall

from May 5 to May 11, 2015



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Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters) 1 inch = 25 mm for the period May 5 to 11, 2015

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
1A	2	Mount Pleasant	8	12
	3	Enniskillen	6	9
	33	Moose Creek	N/A	N/A
	34	Browning	N/A	5
	61	Antler	N/A	N/A
	63	Moose Mountain	7	24
	64	Brock	2	8
	65	Tecumseh	8	15
1B	91	Maryfield	10	16
	122	Martin	11	41
	123	Silverwood	5	16
	124	Kingsley	4	16
	125 A	Chester	12	31
	125 B	Chester	4	16
	151 A	Rocanville	10	22
	151 B	Rocanville	N/A	N/A
	154	Elcapo	NIL	2
	155 A	Wolseley	5	16
	155 B	Wolseley	N/A	N/A
2A	67	Weyburn	13	15
	68	Brokenshell	1	10
	97	Wellington	1.5	9
2B	127 A	Francis	7	24
	127 B	Francis	5	10
	129	Bratt's Lake	2	10
	131 A	Baildon	NIL	14
	131 B	Baildon	10	24
	156 A	Indian Head	7	19
	156 B	Indian Head	22	53
	157	South Qu'Appelle	N/A	NIL
	160 A	Pense	NIL	7
	161	Moose Jaw	2	51
	162	Caron	1	23
	191	Marquis	N/A	35
3ASE	38 A	Laurier	NIL	14
	38 B	Laurier	NIL	8
	39 A	The Gap	5	28
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	NIL	18
	12	Poplar Valley	NIL	46
	40 A	Bengough	N/A	N/A
	40 B	Bengough	NIL	NIL
	42	Willow Bunch	N/A	41
	43	Old Post	NIL	35
	70	Key West	N/A	N/A
	73 A	Stonehenge	5.1	42
	73 B	Stonehenge	5	29
3AN	101	Terrell	1	18
	102	Lake Johnston	0.3	24
	103	Sutton	N/A	30
	132 A	Hillsborough	7	72
	132 B	Hillsborough	NIL	41
	134	Shamrock	N/A	32
	193 A	Eyebrow	6	65
	193 B	Eyebrow	NIL	83
	224	Maple Bush	N/A	N/A
3BS	17	Val Marie	N/A	30
	75 A	Pinto Creek	2	38
	75 B	Pinto Creek	N/A	28
	76	Auvergne	2	24
	77	Wise Creek	N/A	28
	78	Grassy Creek	7.5	44
	105	Glenbain	NIL	31
	106	Whiska Creek	2	26
	107	Lac Pelletier	NIL	17
	108	Bone Creek	3	18
3BN	138 A	Webb	3	27
	138 B	Webb	4	12
	166	Excelsior	NIL	27
	167	Sask. Landing	12.6	31
	168 A	Riverside	2	30
	168 B	Riverside	2.5	10
	226	Victory	2	38
	228	Lacadena	1	8
	257	Monet	NIL	3

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
4A	49	White Valley	N/A	29
	51	Reno	NIL	16
	79	Arlington	8	37
	109 A	Carmichael	15	24
	109 B	Carmichael	N/A	30
	110	Piapot	NIL	1
4B	139	Gull Lake	9	10
	142	Enterprise	NIL	2
	169	Pittville	N/A	N/A
	231	Happyland	NIL	2
	183 B	Fertile Belt	6	14
5A	186	Abernethy	N/A	13
	211	Churchbridge	NIL	18
	213	Saltcoats	6	18
	216	Tullymet	NIL	6
	241	Calder	4	14
	243	Wallace	11	13
	244	Orkney	4	14
	245 A	Garry	1	23
	245 B	Garry	N/A	8
	245 C	Garry	NIL	31
	246	Ituna Bon Accord	2	26
	247	Kellross	1	25
	248	Touchwood	2.6	27
	271	Cote	10	23
	273	Sliding Hills	3	14
	277	Emerald	2	34
5B	305	Invermay	NIL	38
	307	Elfros	3	29
	308 A	Big Quill	4	33
	308 B	Big Quill	N/A	22
	331	Livingston	N/A	23
	336	Sasman	NIL	20
	337	Lakeview	1	27
	338	Lakeside	NIL	21
	366	Kelvington	1	29
	367	Ponass Lake	1	42
6A	190 A	Dufferin	4	19
	190 B	Dufferin	7	35
	190 C	Dufferin	2	11
	190 D	Dufferin	NIL	24
	219 A	Longlaketon	6	30
	219 B	Longlaketon	2	14
	220	Mckillop	8	28
	221	Sarnia	2.2	55
	222	Craik	1	67
	251	Big Arm	2.5	59
	252	Arm River	6	64
	279	Mount Hope	6	36
	282	McCraney	2	60
	309	Prairie Rose	N/A	N/A
	312	Morris	15	15
	313	Lost River	N/A	61
	339	Leroy	7.6	43
	340	Wolverine	14	47
	341	Viscount	N/A	58
	343 A	Blucher	11	91
	343 B	Blucher	N/A	50
6B	254	Loreburn	N/A	N/A
	284	Rudy	NIL	55
	285	Fertile Valley	10	39
	286	Milden	10	29
	314	Dundurn	4	58
	344	Corman Park	NIL	25
	346	Perdue	NIL	13
	376	Eagle Creek	NIL	26
	403	Rosthern	NIL	26

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
7A	287	St. Andrews	N/A	12
	288	Pleasant Valley	1	19
	290 A	Kindersley	NIL	7
	290 B	Kindersley	N/A	3
	290 C	Kindersley	N/A	NIL
	292	Milton	N/A	8
	317 A	Marriott	NIL	11
	317 B	Marriott	NIL	24
	318	Mountain View	NIL	15
	320 A	Oakdale	NIL	26
	320 B	Oakdale	NIL	17
	321	Prairiedale	NIL	17
7B	347	Biggar	NIL	16
	350 A	Mariposa	NIL	9
	350 B	Mariposa	NIL	18
	351	Progress	N/A	14
	352	Heart's Hill	NIL	13
	377	Glenside	NIL	24
	378 B	Rosemount	NIL	15
	379	Reford	NIL	19
	381	Grass Lake	N/A	N/A
	382	Eye Hill	NIL	3
	409	Buffalo	N/A	N/A
	410	Round Valley	NIL	5
8A	395	Porcupine	NIL	16
	397	Barrier Valley	N/A	30
	428	Star City	N/A	28
	456	Arborfield	18	55
	457	Connaught	6	53
	486	Moose Range	6	41
	487	Nipawin	2	18
8B	369	St. Peter	8	34
	370 A	Humboldt	NIL	40
	370 B	Humboldt	NIL	55
	371	Bayne	N/A	47
	372	Grant	12.5	58
	400	Three Lakes	9	49
	402	Fish Creek	13	42
	429	Flett's Springs	4	29
	459	Kinistino	10	53
	460	Birch Hills	14.8	27
9AE	488	Torch River	16	37
	491	Buckland	N/A	N/A
	520	Paddockwood	NIL	33
	521	Lakeland	NIL	33
9AW	406	Mayfield	NIL	19
	435	Redberry	NIL	37
	436	Douglas	NIL	27
	463	Duck Lake	1	31
	467 A	Round Hill	NIL	22
	467 B	Round Hill	NIL	3
9B	438	Battle River	NIL	21
	440	Hillsdale	0.5	11
	442	Manitou Lake	0.3	11
	498 A	Parkdale	NIL	19
	498 B	Parkdale	NIL	5
	499	Mervin	NIL	14
	501 A	Frenchman Butte	NIL	32
	501 B	Frenchman Butte	NIL	16
	501 C	Frenchman Butte	NIL	9
	502	Britannia	NIL	3
	561	Loon Lake	1	27
	588 A	Meadow Lake	4	9
	588 B	Meadow Lake	N/A	N/A
	588 C	Meadow Lake	5	20
	588 D	Meadow Lake	N/A	N/A
	622	Beaver River	N/A	14

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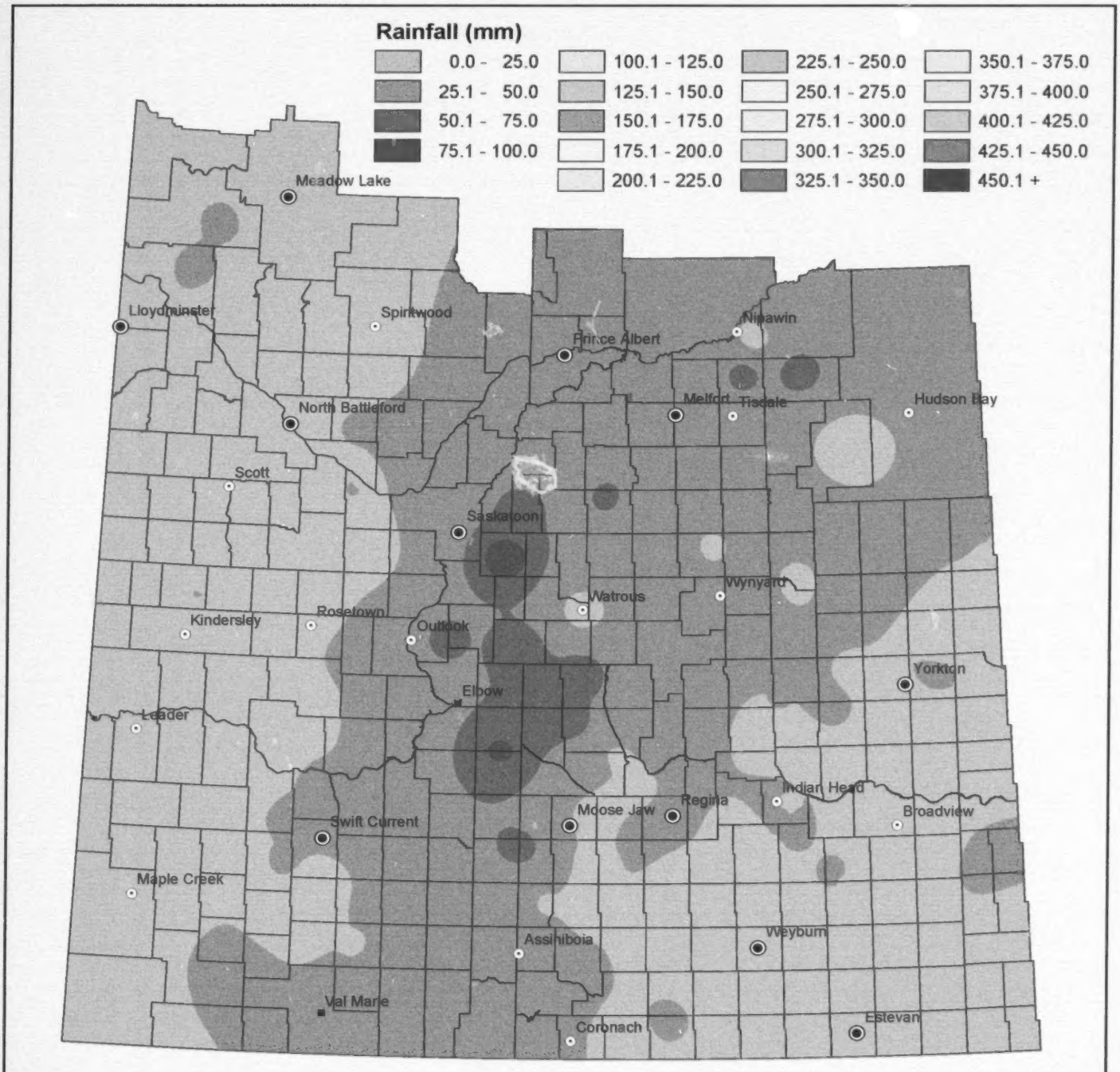

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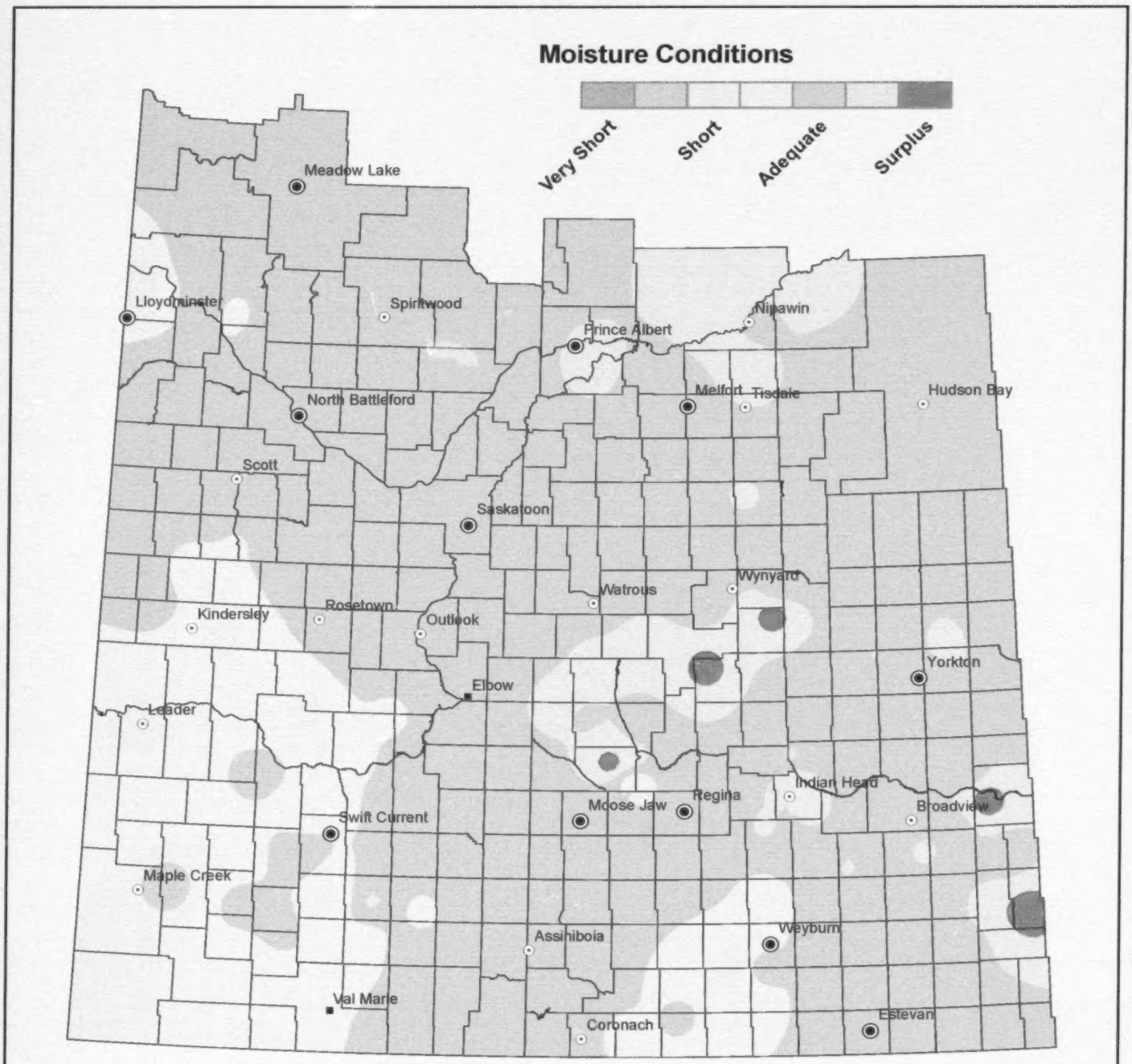

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Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

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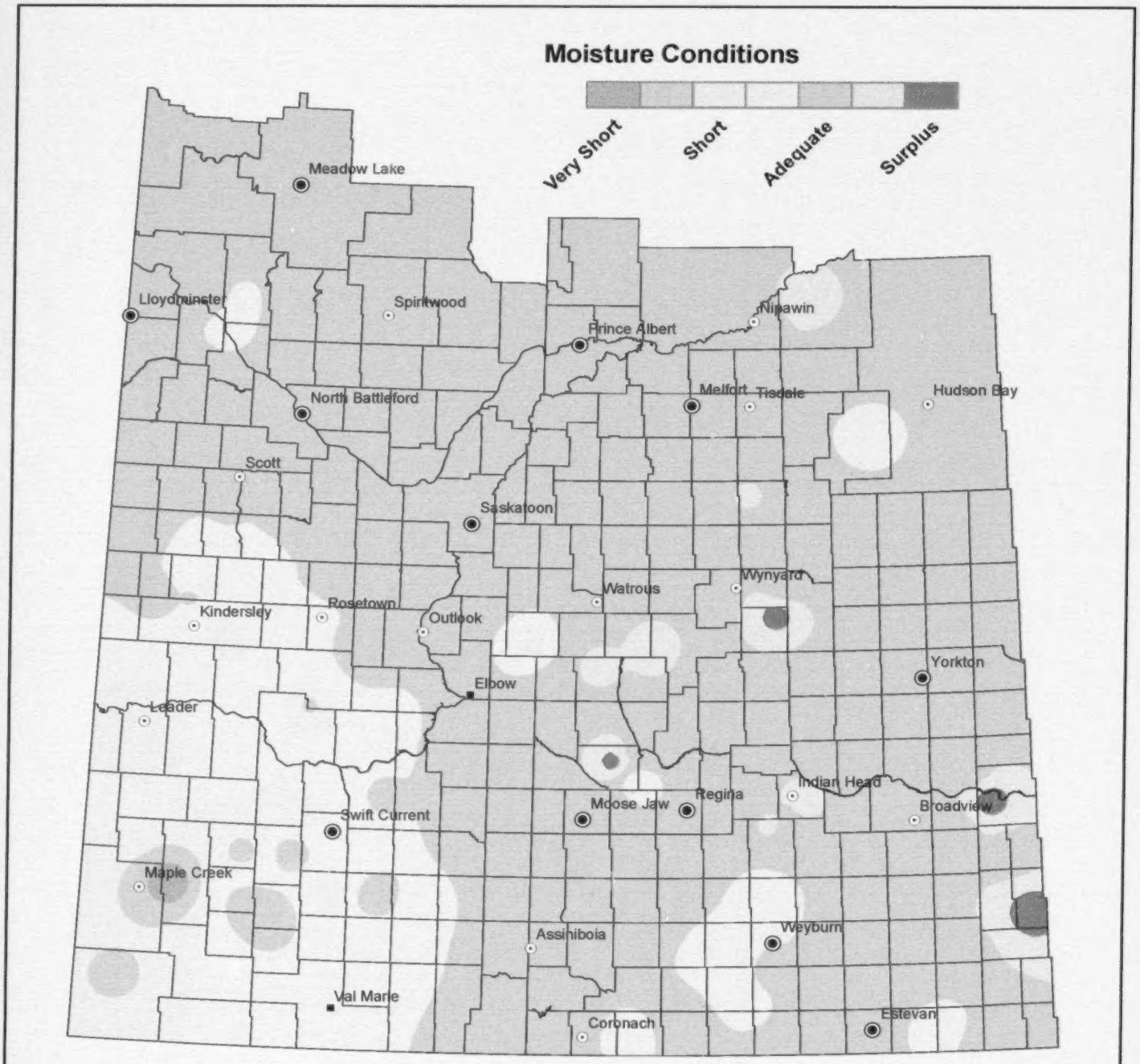

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